

Assembly Bill No. 2600

CHAPTER 268

An act to add Section 400.1 to the Family Code, relating to marriage and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2600, Ma. Marriage: solemnization.

Existing law provides that a marriage may be solemnized by authorized persons of any religious denomination, by specified legislators, constitutional officers, and California Members of Congress, while those persons are currently holding that office, and by specified justices, judges, and magistrates, both current and retired.

This bill would authorize an elected mayor of a city, while that person holds that office, to solemnize a marriage ceremony, and would require the mayor to obtain and review from the county clerk all available instructions for marriage solemnization before the mayor first solemnizes a marriage.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 400.1 is added to the Family Code, to read:

400.1. In addition to the persons specified in Section 400, marriage may also be solemnized by a mayor of a city elected in accordance with Article 3 (commencing with Section 34900) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 4 of the Government Code, while that person holds office. The mayor shall obtain and review from the county clerk all available instructions for marriage solemnization before the mayor first solemnizes a marriage.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to relieve the workloads of county clerks who currently deputize mayors as deputy commissioners of civil marriage prior to the solemnization of a marriage, and to provide citizens with more options as they choose their wedding officiants, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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